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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Ph.D.**, Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin
Graduate Portfolio: Women's & Gender Studies, LGBTQ/Sexualities track
Dissertation: Educating the Unique Child: Gender, Sexuality, and Homeschooling
(Chair: Christine Williams, PhD)
- 2008 **M.Div.**, Harvard Divinity School
Thesis: Queer Bodies and Catholic Theology Converge and Collide:
Implications of Danced Queer Narrative for Queer Theology and Ministry
(Supervisor: Susan Abraham, ThD)
- 2004 **B.A.** (Magna cum laude), Mount Holyoke College
Thesis: "First of all, we are Catholic": The Radical Action and Catholic
Consciousness of Dorothy Day. (Supervisor: Jane Crosthwaite, PhD)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – present **Assistant Professor**, Sociology, University at Albany, State University of New York

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2012 **Research Assistant**, The Massachusetts Health and Relationships Project. University
of Texas at Austin. Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Principal
Investigator: Dr. Debra Umberson.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017 – present **Affiliated Faculty**, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,
University at Albany.
- 2014 - 2016 **Graduate Fellow**, Urban Ethnography Lab, The University of Texas at Austin.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Averett, K. H. 2021. *The Homeschool Choice: Parents and the Privatization of Education*. New York: NYU Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Queer Parents, Gendered Embodiment, and the De-Essentialization of Motherhood." *Feminist Theory* 22(2):284–304. DOI: [10.1177/1464700121989226](https://doi.org/10.1177/1464700121989226)

Averett, K.H. 2020. "A Feminist Public Sociology of the Pandemic: Interviewing About a Crisis, During a Crisis." *Gender, Work & Organization* 1-9. DOI: [10.1111/gwao.12616](https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.12616)

Averett, K. H. 2016. "The Gender Buffet: LGBTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormativity." *Gender & Society* 30(2):189-212. DOI: [10.1177/0891243215611370](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243215611370).

- Reprinted in Ferguson, S. J. 2018. *Shifting the Center: Understanding Contemporary Families, 5th Edition*. Los Angeles: SAGE.
- Winner, 2015 Norval Glenn Prize, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- Honorable Mention, 2015 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association

Book Chapters

Averett, K. H. 2020. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: Online Discourse about Transgender Children." Pp. 3-15 In *Gender, Sexuality, and Race in the Digital Age*, edited by D. N. Farris, D. Compton, and A. P. Herrera. Springer.

Averett, K. H. 2013. "The Catholic Worker Ethic and the Spirit of Marxism." Pp. 95-109 in *Unruly Catholics from Dante to Madonna: Faith, Heresy, and Politics in Cultural Studies*, edited by M. DiPaolo. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press.

Averett, K. H. 2013 "The Stories We Tell." Pp. 143-149 in *More Than a Monologue: Sexual Diversity in the Catholic Church: Voices of Our Times*, edited by C. F. Hinze and J. P. Hornbeck. New York: Fordham University Press.

Averett, K. H. 2009. "Mass in the Dining Room." Pp. 140-144 in *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism*, edited by K. Dugan and J. Owens. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press.

Long, K. H. 2009. "On Sex, Sin, and Silence: An Islamic Theology of Storytelling for AIDS Awareness." Pp. 154-168 in *Islam and AIDS: Between Scorn, Pity and Justice*, edited by F. Esack and S. Chiddy. Oxford: Oneworld Press.

Book Reviews

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Review of 'Save My Kid': How Families of Critically Ill Children Cope, Hope, and Negotiate and Unequal Healthcare System by Amanda M. Gengler," *Social Forces* (OnlineFirst, 4 Jan). DOI: [10.1093/sf/soaa136](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa136)

Averett, K. H. 2020. "Review of *Growing Up Queer: Kids and the Remaking of LGBTQ Identity* by Mary Robertson," *Contemporary Sociology* 49(4):388-390. DOI: [10.1177/0094306120930218aa](https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306120930218aa)

Averett, K.H. 2018. "Review of *The Cost of Being a Girl: Working Teens and the Origins of the Gender Wage Gap* by Yasemin Besen-Cassino," *Work and Occupations* 46(1), 98–100. DOI: [10.1177/0730888418795247](https://doi.org/10.1177/0730888418795247).

*Kung, W. & Averett, K. H. 2018. "Review of *Masculine Compromise: Migration, Family, and Gender in China* by Susanne Yuk-Ping Choi and Yinni Peng," *Gender & Society* 32(1):149-151. DOI: [10.1177/0891243217732015](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243217732015).

Manuscripts under Review in Peer Reviewed Journals

Averett, K. H. "The Invisible Mental Labor of Mothers during COVID-19." (R&R)

Averett, K. H. & *Lacy, G. R. "Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles within the Homeschooling Movement." (Under review after R&R)

Averett, K. H. "Remote Learning, COVID-19, and Children with Disabilities." (Under review)

Manuscripts in Progress

Averett, K. H. & *Callahan, I. "Religious Freedom, Parents' Rights, and Anti-LGBT Counter-Mobilization."

Other Publications

Averett, K.H. 2021. "Featured Commentary: Moving Towards a More Equitable Education System." *ASA Sociology of Education Newsletter*, Spring. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16QtKXO92k0pF-myL1Zh-5X7yTVeLQ7ZH/view>

Averett, K. H. 2021. "Homeschooling vs. Remote Learning." *ASA Children & Youth Section Newsletter*, Spring. https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/uploads/4/7/8/0/4780801/spring_2021_newsletter_final_compressed.pdf

Averett, K. H. 2020. "Gendered Parenting and Homeschooling, Before and During the Pandemic." *ASA Sex & Gender Section Newsletter*, December. <https://asasexandgender.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/december-2020-draft-2.pdf>

Averett, K.H. 2020. "Moms Are The 'She-Fault' Parent During This Pandemic." *Scary Mommy*, March 27. <https://www.scarymommy.com/coronavirus-homeschooling-disproportionate-burden-women/>

* indicates graduate student co-author

MEDIA APPEARANCES

"Homeschooling Numbers Surge Nearly 80 Percent Across Capital Region During Pandemic." *The Daily Gazette* (Schenectady, NY), April 29, 2021. <https://dailygazette.com/2021/04/29/homeschool-numbers-surge-nearly-80-percent-across-capital-region-during-pandemic/>

"For Parents, No Good Solutions to an 'Impossible' Problem." *The Daily Gazette* (Schenectady, NY), September 6, 2020. <https://dailygazette.com/2020/09/06/for-parents-no-good-solutions-to-an-impossible-problem/>

"Many Child Abuse Cases May Be Going Unreported During Pandemic." *U.S. News & World Report*, August 20, 2020. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-08-20/many-child-abuse-cases-may-be-going-unreported-during-pandemic>

- Also printed in *Health Day*, August 20, 2020. <https://consumer.healthday.com/infectious-disease-information-21/coronavirus-1008/many-child-abuse-cases-may-be-going-unreported-during-pandemic-760556.html>

"'I'm Only One Human Being': Parents Brace for a Go-It-Alone School Year." *The New York Times*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/19/upshot/coronavirus-home-school-parents.html>

"Colleges Closing: University Outbreaks and Parental Angst." *The New York Times*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/19/us/colleges-closing-covid.html>

"As Pandemic School Year Starts, Survey Shows Most Parents Are Overwhelmed." *U.S. News & World Report*, August 19, 2020. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-08-19/as-pandemic-school-year-starts-survey-shows-most-parents-are-overwhelmed>

"Homeschooling, the Safer Social Bet." *The Beacon*, April 25, 2019. <http://www.theonlinebeacon.com/homeschooling-the-safer-social-bet/>

"Meet the Scholar: Kate Henley Averett," *Children & Youth Blog*, American Sociological Association, June 1, 2017. <https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/blog/meet-the-scholar-kate-henley-averett>

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

2019 Consultant on race, class, and immigration for production of *West Side Story*, Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Portsmouth, NH.

GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP FUNDING

National

2014 Martin P. Levine Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, \$3,000.

University

2021 Faculty Research Award Program (FRAP-B), University at Albany, \$3300

2020 Judy L. Genshaft Fund, Initiatives for Women, University at Albany, \$600.

2016 Dissertation Fellowship (spring semester), University of Texas at Austin, \$10,000.

2014 Graduate Student Continuing Fellowship (fall semester), University of Texas at Austin, \$10,000.

2014 Urban Ethnography Lab Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, \$500.

2014 Professional Development Travel Grant, University of Texas at Austin – two grants, \$500 each.

2013 Department of Sociology Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin, \$3,000.

2012 Professional Development Travel Grant, University of Texas at Austin, \$400.

2011 Sociology Department Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, \$5,000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Averett, K.H. Gender- and Sexuality-Based School Suffering: Age, Power, and the Institution of US Schools.” Paper accepted for National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference. November 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19); rescheduled to November 2021.

Averett, K.H. “Why Homeschooling? Diversity and Similarities Among Homeschoolers by Political Views and Religiosity.” Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. August 2019.

Averett, K. H. & Lacy, G. R.* “Insurgent Youth: Young Adult Literature and Intersectional Theory and Praxis in the University Classroom.” Workshop presented at National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

Averett, K. H. & Lacy, G. R.* “Ownership vs. Partnership Parenting: Parenting Styles within the Homeschooling Movement.” Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Averett, K.H. “Religious Freedom, Parents’ Rights, and Anti-LGBTQ Counter-Mobilization.” Paper presented at Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time – ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Averett, K. H. & Buggs, S. G. “Teaching for Black Lives: Using the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform in Undergraduate Courses.” Workshop presented at National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. November 2017.

Averett, K. H. “School Choice, Neoliberal Mothering, and the Rise of ‘Situational’ Homeschooling.” Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 2017.

Averett, K. H. “Religious Freedom, Parents’ Rights, and Counter-Mobilization ‘After Marriage.’” Paper presented at After Marriage: The Future of LGBTQ Politics and Scholarship, City University of New York, New York, NY. October 2016.

Averett, K. H. “Childhood Gender and Sexuality in Homeschooling Families.” Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August 2015.

Averett, K. H., Arreola, V., & Golden, J. N. “SMILE!: Feminist Selfies and the Politics of Self-Representation.” Paper presented at National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, PR. November 2014 (presentation via Skype).

Averett, K. H. “Mothering, Gendered Embodiment, and the Perpetuation of Gender Inequality.” Paper presented at:

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. August 2014.
- The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2015.

Averett, K. H. “Raising Them to Be Who They Truly Are: LGBTQ Parents Resisting Heteronormative Gender.” Paper presented at:

- American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. August 2013.
- “Fun with Dick and Jane”: Gender and Childhood Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. December 2014.

Averett, K. H. "The Family as Assemblage: Toward a Queer Approach to Family Studies." Paper presented at The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2013.

Averett, K. H. "'What Does a 7-Year-Old Know About Gender?!': Innocence, Agency, and the Transgender Child." Paper presented at:

- Visions of Voices of Childhood: Childhood Studies Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, Camden NJ. May 21-22, 2012.
- The University of Texas at Austin Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Graduate Student Conference, Austin, TX. March 2012.

Averett, K. H. "Anxious Publics, Disruptive Bodies: The Case of the 'Transgender Girl Scout.'" Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

Averett, K. H. "Blogging Queer Childhood." Paper presented at Crossing Boundaries, Workshopping Sexualities – ASA Sexualities Section Pre-Conference, Denver, CO. August 2012.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Critic, Author Meets Critics Panel for *Hyper Education: Why Good Schools, Good Grades, and Good Behavior Are Not Enough*. Eastern Sociological Society Conference (remote), February 2021.

"Homeschooling During the COVID-19 Pandemic," invited lecture, UAlbany Alumni Association, Albany, NY, May 2020.

"Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood Gender and Sexuality," invited lecture, Department of Counseling Psychology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, April 2019.

"Homeschooling and Contested Beliefs about Childhood Gender and Sexuality," invited lecture, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA, April 2019.

Panelist, "Best Practices for Teaching Your First Class," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, October 2018.

Panelist, "Dissertation Orientation," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, March 2018.

Panelist, "From Student to Professor," Panelist, "Dissertation Orientation," Students of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY, November 2016.

Panelist, "Learning to Listen: Voices of Sexual Diversity and the Catholic Church," part of the More Than a Monologue conference series, Fordham University, New York, NY, September 2011.

Panelist, “From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism,” The Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 2009.

Panelist, “Creating Welcoming Space for Middle Schoolers,” at One in Ten at Eleven: A Conference for those Serving LGBT Middle School Students, First Church, Boston, MA. 2008.

“What’s a Queer Catholic Girl to Do? On Creating Queer Feminist Sacramental Spaces,” invited talk, The Paulist Center, Boston, MA. 2008.

“Radical, Anarchist, Child of God: Understanding the Catholic Identity of Dorothy Day,” invited talk, Catholic Speaker Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. 2004.

GUEST LECTURES

“Gender Inequality: The Pay Gap,” Introduction to Sociology, The University at Albany, SUNY, November 2017.

“HARP: The Health and Relationships Project,” Research Methods in Health and Society, The University of Texas at Austin, April 2015.

“Gender, Sexuality, the Family, and Homeschooling,” Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in the United States, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2014.

“Research Ethics,” Introduction to Social Research, The University of Texas at Austin, June 2014.

“LGBTQ Parents,” Sociology of the Family, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2014.

“Binary Thinking about Teenagers and Sexuality,” Sociology of Gender, The University of Texas at Austin, October 2012.

TEACHING

Graduate Courses Taught, University at Albany

ASOC 523 – Applied Qualitative Research Methods (S21)

ASOC 645 – Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Sexuality (F17, F19).

ASOC 645 – Topics in Gender Research: Gender and Education (S19, S21).

Undergraduate Courses Taught, University at Albany

ASOC 262 – Sociology of Gender (F19, F20)

ASOC 326 - Sociology of Race, Gender, and Class (F16, F17, S18, F18, S19, F20).

ASOC 470W - Senior Seminar: Diversity in American Families (S18, F18).

Undergraduate Teaching, The University of Texas at Austin

The Family (Instructor, SU15).
Diversity in American Families (Instructor, S15).
Introduction to Social Research (Teaching Assistant, F15, SU14, S12).
Sociology of the Family (Teaching Assistant, S14).
Introduction to Social Statistics (Teaching Assistant, S13, F13).
Sociology of Gender (Teaching Assistant, F12).
Sociological Theory (Teaching Assistant, F11).
Introduction to the Study of Society (Teaching Assistant, F10, S11)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Mairead Carr (in progress; proposal defended 5/21). University at Albany. Chair.
Troy Little (in progress; proposal defended 8/19). University at Albany. Member.
Katie Long (in progress; proposal defended 2/19). University at Albany. Member.
Rachel Sullivan (in progress; proposal defended 12/18). University at Albany. Member.
Griffin R. Lacy (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Chair.
Sonya Becker (in progress; proposal in preparation). University at Albany. Member.

Master's Thesis Committees

Shelby Mack (May 2020). University at Albany, WGSS, M.A. Member.
Ian Callahan (August 2019). University at Albany, Sociology. M.A. Chair.
Andrew Cutrone (May 2019). University at Albany, Sociology. M.A. Chair.

Comprehensive Exam Committees

Sexualities

Ian Callahan (Aug. 2019), Chair.
Sara Querbes (May 2019), Chair.
Ji-sun Won (scheduled August 2021), Chair.

Gender

Suzanne Kawola (scheduled Aug. 2021), Member.
Beenna Han (Aug. 2019), Chair.
Griffin Lacy (Aug. 2018), Chair.
Sara Querbes (Aug. 2018), Member.
Mairead Carr (May 2018), Chair.
Xuemei Cao (Jan. 2018), Member.
Elizabeth Harwood (Jan. 2018), Member.

Education

Florencia Silvera (May 2020), Chair.

Children and Youth

Griffin Lacy (Jan. 2019), Member.
Sonya Becker (May 2018), Member.

Family

Beenna Han (Aug. 2018), Member.

Graduate Student Co-Teaching Internships Supervised

Jaime Hsu (Fall 2019)
Mairread Carr (Spring 2019)
Griffin Lacy (Fall 2017)

Undergraduate Students Mentored

Sabrina McDonald (2017) Assembly Session Intern Program. University at Albany. Supervisor.
Natalie Lewis (2016) *Effects of Gender and Income on Child Custody Evaluations*. The University of Texas at Austin. Undergraduate honors thesis mentor.
Lynnette Short (2013) Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program. The University of Texas at Austin. Mentor.

SERVICE

Department of Sociology

Member, Teaching Committee, 2020-present
Member, Sociologists Working toward Anti-Racism (STAR) Organizing Committee, 2020-present
Member, Faculty Organizing Committee, Ethnography Lab, 2017 - present
Organizer, White Fragility Summer Reading Group, 2020
Member, Graduate Committee, 2018 - 2020
Member, Executive Committee, 2017 - 2019
Member, Advancement Committee, 2017 - 2018
Member, Symposium Committee, 2016 - 2017

University at Albany, State University of New York

Departmental Representative, Faculty Senate, 2020-present
Member, LGBTQ+ Advisory Council, 2020-present
Participant, Dialogue in Action, 2017-2018

Professional Service

Member, Council, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-present

- Chair**, “Organizing Our Archives” Task Force, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2020-present
- Member**, Early Career Award Committee, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2020-present
- Member**, Syllabus and Teaching Committee, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2018-2020
- Member**, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2019-2020
- Chair**, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-2019.
- Member**, Nominations Committee, Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2018-2019.
- Member**, Committee on Advancing Trans and Intersex Studies at Sociology Conferences, Sociologists for Trans Justice, 2017 - 2018
- Social Media Influencer**, Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance in an Uncertain Time – ASA Sexualities Section Preconference, August 2018.
- Presider**, Sociology of Sex and Gender Roundtable: Intersections: Sexualities and Genders. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. 2017.
- Discussant**, Section on Sociology of Population Paper Session: LGBT Health Disparities. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. 2015.
- Member**, Conference Planning Committee, The 22nd Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies Graduate Student Conference, The University of Texas at Austin. 2014 - 2015.
- Graduate Student Assistant**, The Austin Summit on LGBT Families. The University of Texas at Austin, April 25-26. 2013.
- Presider**, Sociology of the Family Roundtable: Fathering and Labor Force Participation. American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY. 2013.
- Mentor**, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, The University of Texas at Austin. 2012.
- Copy Editor**, *Intersections: Women’s and Gender Studies in Review Across Disciplines*, The University of Texas at Austin. 2011.

AD HOC REVIEWER

Gender & Society; Sociological Perspectives; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of GLBT Family Studies; American Sociological Review; Asian Journal of Women’s Studies; Gender, Work & Organization, International Journal of Qualitative Methods.

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2020 | Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Award (Spring/Summer), United University Professions. |
| 2015 | Honorable Mention, Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association. |

- 2015 Norval Glenn Prize, awarded for best graduate student paper in sociology of the family, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, \$500.
- 2015 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Award, Services for Students with Disabilities, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 The Point Foundation Scholarship, semi-finalist.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 NSF CAREER Proposal Writing Workshop, State University of New York.
- 2018-2019 Research Proposal Writing Seminar Course, Division for Research, University at Albany.
- 2017 Course Design for Deeper and More Lasting Student Learning, Institute for Teaching, Learning & Academic Leadership, University at Albany.
- 2017 Safe Space Training Certificate, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, The University at Albany.
- 2016 Early Career Institute, Institute for Teaching, Learning & Academic Leadership, University at Albany.
- 2015 Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, The University of Texas at Austin.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, 2012 - present.

Sections: Sex and Gender, Sociology of Sexualities, Children and Youth, Family, Sociology of Education, Race/Class/Gender.

Sociologists for Women in Society, 2014 - present.

National Women's Studies Association, 2016 - present.

Eastern Sociological Society, 2021-present.